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What: Memorialization Ceremony

Who: United States Army Garrison Hawaii

When: Friday, 11:30 a.m., February 9, 2007.

Where: Schofield Barracks

Purpose: To dedicate the Battle Command Training Center in honor of 1st Lt. Nainoa K. Hoe. On Jan. 22, 2005, Hoe was serving with the 2nd Platoon, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. While leading a patrol in Mosul, Iraq, he was killed in action during an attack by enemy forces. On that day, Hoe had been ordered to the neighborhood of al-Whada for the dual purpose of searching for insurgents and encouraging Iraqi citizens to vote in the upcoming national elections. During his tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III, Hoe regularly fought against the deadly insurgency. Hoe was also posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

The Battle Command Training Center is located on Schofield Barracks where it supports the simulated and automated training requirements of the 25th Infantry Division and other units including the Marine Corps, Army Reserves, and National Guard. It houses the organizations and functions required to conduct war-fighting simulations to support medium brigade, joint, and combined-arms simulation training. As such, memorializing this facility in honor of Hoe is both appropriate and in keeping with his Army experience.

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All media representatives are to meet with public affairs staff at Schofield's Lyman Gate at 10:45 a.m., Friday, Feb. 9th. To attend the event, please R.S.V.P. by 3 p.m. Thursday, February 8th to Kendrick Washington or Donna Klapakis, Media Relations Office, at 808-655-8729/4815.